

. The tree is unique among weepers in one respect, that is in having a perfectly upright leader, from which the opposite pendulous branches curve downward most gracefully of their own accord; this characteristic is shown in the illustration, which was drawn from a three-year old tree, grafted near the ground, and allowed to follow its own habit, without any aid whatever from string or pruning knife.

THE RED-OSLER DOGWOOD (*C. Stolonifera*) is quite common in the Niagara district growing wild in damp places,

and forming dense clumps. It is only a shrub, growing from three to six feet high, and very ornamental even when stripped of its foliage, on account of its smooth, bright red-purple branches, the annual shoots of which are like the osier or basket willow in habit of growth. Its berries are white and fewer in number than those of the tree above described. It is easily propagated by layers, and we see no reason why this shrub should not have a place among our ornamentals, especially where hardiness is a virtue.

#### THE JEWEL.

On page 127 Mr. Win. Mead Pattison wrote of the persistent and successful labors of Mr. John Burr, of Leavenworth, Kansas, U.S., in producing varieties of grapes of superior quality and earliness, capable of resisting the severe climatic changes of northern sections. Three of his new varieties of black grapes are there commended as giving great promise, viz., the Standard, the Ideal, and the Jewel. Of the latter, by favor of Messrs. Stayman & Black, of Leavenworth, we are able this month to give our readers an engraving said to be made from a photo-

graph of a medium sized bunch and berry.

It is claimed for this grape that it is an extra early black grape of superior excellence; that it colors quite as early if not earlier than the Champion, and that it is ripe soon after commencing to color; that in quality it is nearly equal to the Delaware, and in appearance very attractive, being jet black with a handsome delicate bloom. It is also claimed to be quite hardy.

From all that we can learn of this grape we believe we are justified in recommending it for trial in Canada.

#### FRUIT IN NORTH SIMCOE.

By G. C. CASTON, CRAIGHURST, *Director for Agricultural Division No. 15.*

**N**OW that the fruit season is over, I herewith send you a short report on the fruits in this locality during the season of 1887. Strawberries showed a profusion of bloom and encountered no frosts, but we had a very dry spell

of weather in May that retarded the growth. Still there was a fair average crop; I think in most places rather more than an average. But the hot, sultry weather of July caused the latest berries to ripen prematurely, and ren-